

# METHODS FOR TREATING AUTOIMMUNE DISEASES IN A SUBJECT AND *IN VITRO* DIAGNOSTIC ASSAYS

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 The invention provides a method for treating an autoimmune disease in a subject by administering an interferon antagonist and a Flt3 ligand (Flt3L) antagonist. The invention also provides compositions containing one or more interferon antagonists, and one or more Flt3L antagonists, an *in vitro* assay for determining a subject's risk for developing an autoimmune disease, and kits for use, *inter alia*, with the assay.